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THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION

REPORT OF THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION 2017-2019

TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA:

The General Assembly adopted the General Statutes as the general law in North Carolina in 1943 and at the time assigned to the Division of Legislative Drafting and Codification of Statutes of the Attorney General's Office the duty of keeping the laws as clear and concise as possible by means of continuous statutory research and correction.

The General Statutes Commission was created by the General Assembly in 1945 for the purpose of advising the Division of Legislative Drafting in its continuous statutory research and correction, in the publication of the General Statutes, and in making a continuing study of all matters involved in the preparation and publication of modern codes of law. In 1951, the General Assembly expressly authorized the General Statutes Commission to recommend substantive changes in the law. In 1981, the General Assembly expressly authorized the General Statutes Commission to receive and consider proposed changes in the law recommended by The American Law Institute, by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (also known as the Uniform Law Commission), or by other learned bodies.

Effective June 1, 2011, the General Assembly transferred the General Statutes Commission and its staff and the remaining functions of the Division of Legislative Drafting and Codification of Statutes from the Department of Justice to the General Assembly. The transfer was made by Session Law 2011-97. Under that session law, the Commission is located within the General Assembly for administrative purposes but continues to exercise all its prescribed statutory powers independently.

MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION DURING THE BIENNIUM

Ten members were reappointed during the biennium. Professor Andrew J. Haile of Summerfield was reappointed by the Dean of Elon University School of Law. Professor Richard T. Bowser of Raleigh was reappointed by the Dean of Campbell University School of Law. Professor Marguerite I. Most of Hillsborough was reappointed by the Dean of Duke University School of Law. Professor John J. Korzen of Kernersville was reappointed by the Dean of Wake Forest University School of Law. Ms. Sabra J. Faires of Cary was reappointed by the General Statutes Commission. Professor Susan E. Hauser of Raleigh was reappointed by the Dean of North Carolina Central University School of Law. Mr. Starkey Sharp of Kitty Hawk was reappointed by the President of the North Carolina State Bar. Mr. Peter G. Pappas of Greensboro was reappointed by the President of the North Carolina Bar Association. Representative Ted Davis, Jr., of Wilmington was reappointed by the Speaker of the House. Senator Tamara Barringer of Cary was reappointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Seven new members were appointed during the 2017-2019 biennium. Representative Ted

Davis, Jr., of Wilmington was appointed by the Speaker of the House to fill the unexpired term of former Representative Robert P. Bryan of Charlotte. Mr. Marc D. Bishop of Greensboro was appointed by the Governor to replace Mr. Thomas O. Murry of Cary. Mr. Carlton M. Mansfield of Pembroke was appointed by the Governor to replace Mr. Michael W. Mitchell of Raleigh. Professor Lewis Moore Everett of Durham was appointed by the Dean of The University of North Carolina School of Law to replace Professor Judith Welch Wegner of Hillsborough. Professor Robert O. Jenkins of Raleigh was appointed by the President, acting as Dean, of the Charlotte School of Law to replace Professor H. Beau Baez III of Monroe; Professor Jenkins resigned from the Commission on September 19, 2017, due to the closing of the Charlotte School of Law. Ms. Kama Bethel Pierce of Matthews was appointed by the Governor to serve the remainder of that term. Senator Chuck Edwards of Flat Rock was appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to fill the unexpired term of former Senator Tamara Barringer of Cary.

The General Statutes Commission meets regularly on the first Friday of each month except July and August. Special meetings may be called by the chairman or by any two members of the Commission whenever the work of the Commission requires. The Commission's policies are available through the Revisor of Statutes, Bill Drafting Division, North Carolina General Assembly, 300 N. Salisbury Street, Suite 401, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-5925; telephone (919) 733-6660; fax (919) 715-5459.

PUBLICATION OF THE GENERAL STATUTES

A 2017 replacement set of the General Statutes of North Carolina, consisting of 25 volumes plus two index volumes, was published in December 2017. The 25 volumes in the 2017 replacement set include two additional volumes that resulted from the splitting of volumes 7 and 9. The 2015 replacement set consisted of 23 volumes plus two index volumes.

A 2017 edition of the Annotated Rules of North Carolina was published in December 2016, and a supplement was published in May 2017.

A 2018 Interim Supplement to the 2017 replacement set of the General Statutes of North Carolina, consisting of two volumes, and a 2018 Replacement Index, consisting of two volumes, were published in October 2018. The 2018 Interim Supplement is a cumulative supplement that contains the acts of a general and permanent nature enacted by the General Assembly at the 2018 Regular Session through June 29, 2018, and the First Extra Session.

A 2018 edition of the Annotated Rules of North Carolina was published in December 2017, and a supplement was published in May 2018.

A 2019 Special Supplement to the 2017 replacement set of the General Statutes of North Carolina, consisting of one volume, is anticipated to be published in the spring of 2019. The 2019 Special Supplement will contain any acts of a general and permanent nature enacted by the General Assembly during the remainder of 2018.

A 2019 edition of the Annotated Rules of North Carolina was published in December 2018, and a supplement will be published in May 2019.

COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION

The General Statutes Commission has appointed the following committees of experts to assist it in work on major projects.

Trusts Drafting Committee

The General Statutes Commission originally created this Committee in 1973 to draft a revision of the trusts laws of the State. The Committee's initial project was a revision of Chapter 36 of the General Statutes, containing the trusts statutes of North Carolina, which was enacted as Chapter 685 of the 1977 Session Laws. Since that time, the Committee has continually provided the General Statutes Commission with expertise in the areas of estates, trusts, and property and has prepared legislative proposals for the Commission's consideration; many of these have been enacted by the General Assembly. The Committee continues to work on other projects. Members of the Committee are Professor James B. McLaughlin, Jr., Mr. J. Stanley Atwell, and Mr. Thomas F. Wiggins. The Revisor of Statutes serves as an ex officio member of the Committee. Professor Alfred L. Brophy served as a member of the Committee until his resignation in May of 2017 after many years of dedicated service to the Committee and the General Statutes Commission.

Partition Task Force

The General Statutes Commission created the Partition Task Force in 2017 to study various issues relating to the partition of property and to make an initial review of and recommendation regarding the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act as approved by the Uniform Law Commission in 2010. In August 2017, the Task Force submitted a report setting out various recommendations for the Commission's consideration. Since that time, members of the Task Force have continually provided the Commission with expertise in the area of partition of property and have recommended legislative proposals for the Commission's consideration in its effort to recodify and update the existing partition statutes. Members of the Task Force are Mr. Starkey Sharp, Professor Judith Welch Wegner, Mr. Paul Stam, Professor Faith Rivers James, and Mr. C. Thomas Steele, Jr.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER GROUPS

The General Statutes Commission has cooperated and coordinated with the North Carolina General Assembly, the North Carolina Conference of Clerks of Superior Court, the North Carolina Association of Registers of Deeds, the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission, the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State, the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, the Department of Athletics of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the North Carolina Bankers Association, the North Carolina Office of the Commissioner of Banks, the North Carolina Bar Association, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human

Services, the North Carolina Department of Insurance, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and others. The General Statutes Commission continues its interest in the work of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (also known as the Uniform Law Commission) and The American Law Institute.

The General Statutes Commission and its Trusts Drafting Committee have continued their efforts to circulate their proposals among individuals and groups believed to be interested in the various topics considered by the Commission.

The General Statutes Commission welcomes and solicits recommendations from any source as to areas for further legislation. Recommendations may be brought to the attention of the Revisor of Statutes, Bill Drafting Division, North Carolina General Assembly, 300 North Salisbury Street, Suite 401, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-5925; telephone (919) 733-6660; fax (919) 715-5459. The Revisor of Statutes may also be contacted for legislative history of the Commission's legislative proposals.

LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED TO THE 2017 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following chart shows bills recommended by the General Statutes Commission to the 2017 General Assembly and their disposition:

General Statutes Commission – Recommended Bill Chart 2017-2018 Some bills were introduced in each chamber; the bill number of the one enacted is shown in bold				
Bill Number	Short Title	GSC Docket	Long Title As Introduced	Session Law
HB 228 SB 566	Postpone Assumed Name Revisions	DN 06- 7	An Act To Postpone The Implementation Of New Article 14A Of Chapter 66 Of The General Statutes, Which Revised The Law On Assumed Business Names.	2017-23
SB 567	Reform/ Correct/ Wills and Trusts	DN 14- 5	An Act To Provide For The Judicial Reformation Of Wills To Correct Mistakes And The Judicial Modification Of Wills To Achieve The Testator's Tax Objectives And To Revise The North Carolina Uniform Trust Code To Achieve Consistency In The Reformation Of Trusts With The Reformation Of Wills.	2017-152
SB 568	Non- ademption of Specific Devises	DN 14- 6	An Act To Provide For The Nonademption Of Specific Devises In Certain Cases.	Not Enacted

Bill	Short Title GSC Long Title As Introduced				
Number	Short Title	Docket	Long Title As Introduced	Session Law	
HB 227	Preserve	DOCKET DN 15-	An Act To Make Conforming Amendments	Not	
110 227	Tenancy by	6	To Clarify That Tenancy By The Entirety Is	Enacted ¹	
	the Entirety		Preserved In This State In Light Of The	Znacted	
			United States Supreme Court Decision In		
			Obergefell v. Hodges.		
HB 230	Revised	DN 15-	An Act To Enact The Revised Uniform	Not	
	Uniform	7	Athlete Agents Act.	Enacted	
	Athlete				
	Agents Act				
<u>HB 1022</u>	Collabora-	DN 16-	An Act To Enact The Uniform Collaborative	Not	
	tive Law	5	Law Act.	Enacted	
<u>HB 229</u>	GSC	DN 17-	An Act To Make Technical Corrections To	2017-102	
	Technical	1	The General Statutes.		
	Corrections				
HB 1021	2017	DN 17-	An Ast To Undete The Consul Statutes Of	2018-47	
SB768	People First Language	DN 17-	An Act To Update The General Statutes Of North Carolina With People First Language	2016-47	
<u>SD/00</u>	2018	1	By Changing The Phrase "Mental		
	2010		Retardation" To "Intellectual Disability" In		
			Certain Sections And To Make Other People		
			First Language Amendments And Technical		
			Amendments In Those Sections.		
HB 1025	GSC	DN 18-	An Act To Make Technical Corrections To	2018-142	
<u>SB 771</u>	Technical	1	The General Statutes.		
	Corrections				
	2018				
<u>SB 770</u>	Adjust GSC	DN 18-	An Act To Amend The Membership Of The	Not	
	Membershi	2	General Statutes Commission To Repeal The	Enacted	
	p		Appointing Authority Of The Charlotte School Of Law, Which Has Closed; To		
			Provide For The Terms Of Members To		
			Begin On September 1 Rather Than June 1;		
			And To Harmonize Two Provisions Dealing		
			With Vacancies And Holdover Members.		
SB 778	Amends	DN 18-	An Act (I) To Require That, In A Living	Not	
	Probate/	3	Probate Proceeding, The Original Will Be	Enacted ²	
	Trusts/Wills		Introduced As Evidence Rather Than Being		
	Choice of		Attached To The Initial Petition, (II) To		
	Law		Permit The Use Of "Minor" Or "18+" Or		

¹ The issue was addressed by S.L. 2017-102, s. 35.
² The amendments relating to powers of attorney were enacted as Part II of S.L. 2018-142.

Bill	Short Title	GSC	Long Title As Introduced	Session
Number		Docket	S	Law
			"Adult" In Place Of The Actual Age Of An	
			Heir Or Devisee In An Application For	
			Letters Of Administration Or Letters	
			Testamentary, (III) To Adjust This State's	
			Statutes Dealing With Out-Of-State Wills	
			Recognized In This State On The Basis Of	
			Compliance With The Law Of The State Of	
			Execution In Order To Continue The	
			Requirement That The Testator Be	
			Physically Present In That State At The	
			Time Of The Will's Execution, (IV) To	
			Provide For Notice That Tenancy By The	
			Entireties Property Transferred To A	
			Tenancy By The Entireties Trust Remains	
			Immune To The Claims Of One Spouse's	
			Individual Creditors And To Specify That A	
			Person Entering Into A Transaction	
			Involving The Property May Obtain	
			Confirmation From The Trustee That The	
			Property Continues To Qualify For This	
			Immunity, And (V) To Make Technical	
			Corrections To The Affected Statutes And	
			To The North Carolina Uniform Power Of	
			Attorney Act.	

RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION, 2019

During the biennium, the General Statutes Commission has received suggestions for statutory changes from various sources including practicing attorneys, State officials and agencies, and from its Trusts Drafting Committee, its Partition Task Force, and its own membership. In addition, the Commission has from time to time undertaken studies of specific areas of the law to determine the need for statutory change. The Commission reviewed all suggested changes and docketed those that it believed warranted further consideration. Some have resulted in recommended bills, and others are still under consideration.

The proposals set out below have been considered by the Commission and found to warrant recommendation to the General Assembly. A brief description of each proposal is set out and, in addition, a separate memorandum for each proposal to supplement this report will be made available to the members of the General Assembly.

The Commission, acting pursuant to G.S. 164-13, therefore has recommended enactment of proposals in the following areas:

1. An act to enact the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act. This proposal was introduced in 2018 but was not enacted. The proposal replaces the Uniform Athlete Agents Act (UAAA), enacted by S.L. 2003-375 as Article 9 of Chapter 78C of the General Statutes, with a modified version of the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act (RUAAA) that was approved in 2015 by the Uniform Law Commission. Like UAAA, RUAAA is designed to protect student athletes and educational institutions from the unscrupulous practices of some athlete agents who seek to represent the student athletes in negotiating professional-sports-services contracts and endorsement contracts.

The proposal continues the protections of the UAAA but expands and enhances them to include, for example:

- Extending the protections to former student athletes who have exhausted their eligibility to compete as student athletes within the past six months.
- Updating the definition of "athlete agent" to provide additional specificity.
- Removing the existing reciprocal registration process, thereby requiring all athlete agents seeking to represent student athletes in this State to use the State's registration application.
- Expanding the information that an applicant for registration as an athlete agent must disclose in the application.
- Requiring an athlete agent to notify the educational institution if the athlete agent and a student athlete have an agency contract or relationship before the student athlete enrolls in the educational institution.
- Requiring an athlete agent to notify the educational institution before attempting to contact a student athlete or if a student athlete attempts to contact the athlete agent.
- Requiring an athlete agent to notify the educational institution if the athlete agent knows or should have known of a violation of the act that could render a student athlete ineligible to compete as a student athlete.
- Providing a student athlete with a statutory right of action against an athlete agent.
- Increasing the existing criminal penalties and adding new criminal penalties.
- Increasing the maximum amount of the civil penalty that can be assessed by the Secretary of State and providing several factors that the Secretary of State must consider in assessing the civil penalty.

The proposal also authorizes the printing of official and drafters' comments.

(GSC DN 15-7)

2. An act to enact the Uniform Collaborative Law Act. This proposal was introduced in 2018 but was not enacted. The proposal is a modified version of the Uniform Collaborative Law Act as approved in 2009, and amended in 2010, by the Uniform Law Commission.

Collaborative law is a voluntary alternative dispute resolution process in which parties make a good faith effort to resolve their dispute without the intervention of a court or other tribunal.

A person is not required to participate in a collaborative law process, and any party can terminate the process at any time with or without cause. A distinctive feature of collaborative law is that the parties sign a collaborative law participation agreement, are represented by their lawyers (termed "collaborative lawyers") during the process, and agree at the beginning of the process that if they fail to negotiate a resolution of their dispute, they will each be required to retain new lawyers for any subsequent litigation relating to the collaborative matter. Collaborative law adds an additional arrow to the quiver of alternative dispute resolution procedures recognized in this State.

Collaborative law is not new to this State. In 2003, the General Assembly authorized collaborative law procedures for the resolution of divorce and family law disputes as set forth in Article 4 of Chapter 50 of the General Statutes, G.S. 50-70 through 50-79. This proposal leaves in place the collaborative law procedures for family law disputes but extends the availability of collaborative law to other areas of the law, beyond family law matters.

The proposal establishes a statutory framework for the collaborative law process, with the following key features:

- Requires a lawyer to provide specified information to a client to assure that the client makes an informed decision as to whether to enter into the collaborative law process.
- Establishes minimum requirements for a collaborative law participation agreement.
- Defines when a collaborative law process begins and ends.
- Provides that the filing of a notice of a collaborative law process operates as a stay of any pending proceeding and precludes a court or tribunal from dismissing the proceeding without giving the collaborative lawyers an opportunity to be heard.
- Allows a court or other tribunal, during a collaborative law process, to issue emergency orders to protect the health, safety, welfare, or interest of a party or otherwise preserve the status quo.
- Disqualifies a collaborative lawyer and a lawyer in an associated law firm from appearing before a court or other tribunal in a proceeding related to the collaborative matter, subject to certain exceptions.
- Encourages candor by the parties by providing for the confidentiality of collaborative law communications and privileges against their disclosure in later legal proceedings.

The proposal also authorizes the printing of official and drafters' comments.

(GSC DN 16-5)

3. An act to update statutes relating to the provision of services with People First language by changing the phrase "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability" or "intellectual or other developmental disability" and to make further People First language, technical, and clarifying amendments in those statutes. As the title indicates, this proposal updates statutes relating to the provision of services with People First language by changing the phrase "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability" or "intellectual or other developmental disability" and makes further People First language, technical, and clarifying amendments in those

statutes. People First language is a style of drafting that refers to a person with a disability as a person first and seeks to avoid equating a person with the person's disability and the use of derogatory language when describing a person's disability.

(GSC DN 17-4)

4. An act to amend the membership of the General Statutes Commission to repeal the appointing authority of the Charlotte School of Law, which has closed; to provide for the terms of members to begin on September 1 rather than June 1; and to harmonize two provisions dealing with vacancies and holdover members. This proposal was introduced in 2018 but was not enacted. The proposal removes an appointment to the General Statutes Commission by the dean of the Charlotte School of Law because of the school's closure; (ii) deletes a provision that applied only to the original appointments to the Commission and is now obsolete; (iii) adjusts the beginning and ending dates of appointments to the Commission to align more closely with the Commission's work year; (iv) resolves ambiguous language dealing with vacancies on the Commission and clarifies what procedure applies; and (v) makes conforming amendments to these changes.

(GSC DN 18-2)

5. An act (i) to require that, in a living probate proceeding, the original will be introduced as evidence rather than being attached to the initial petition, (ii) to permit the use of "minor" or "18+" or "adult" in place of the actual age of an heir or devisee in an application for letters of administration or letters testamentary, (iii) to adjust this State's statutes dealing with out-of-state wills recognized in this State on the basis of compliance with the law of the state of execution in order to continue the requirement that the testator be physically present in that state at the time of the will's execution, (iv) to provide for notice that tenancy by the entireties property transferred to a tenancy by the entireties trust remains immune to the claims of one spouse's individual creditors and to specify that a person entering into a transaction involving the property may obtain confirmation from the trustee that the property continues to qualify for this immunity, and (v) to make technical corrections to the affected statutes. A similar proposal was introduced in 2018 but was not enacted. The proposal makes various amendments to the statutes on living probate, application for letters testamentary or letters of administration, choice of law for out of state wills, and transfer of property held in a tenancy by the entireties to a tenancy by the entireties trust. The amendments were referred to the General Statutes Commission by the Estate Planning and Fiduciary Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association. They have also been reviewed by representatives of the North Carolina Conference of Clerks of Superior Court, which has no objections known to the General Statutes Commission as of the date of this biennial report.

(GSC DN 18-3)

In addition to these proposals, the Commission has recommended for introduction its usual technical corrections bill, which corrects errors in grammar, erroneous statutory references, and

other obvious errors and makes other technical changes in the General Statutes.

PENDING DOCKETS (dockets not covered in pending legislation)

- (1) Uniform Partnership Act (1992) (GSC DN 93-8)
- (2) Retaining Safeguards for Public Records (GSC DN 97-6)
- (3) Certification of Questions of Law (GSC DN 05-2)
- (4) Gender Neutralization of Constitution and Statutes (GSC DN 09-5)
- (5) Revised Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act (GSC DN 10-2)
- (6) Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (GSC DN 11-7)
- (7) G.S. 1A-1, Rule 53 (Referees) (GSC DN 14-8)
- (8) G.S. 1A-1, Rule 70 (Judgment for Specific Acts; Vesting Title) (GSC DN 14-9)
- (9) Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act (GSC DN 17-2)
- (10) Partition (GSC DN 17-3)
- (11) Uniform Voidable Transactions Act (GSC DN 18-4)
- (12) Commissioner's Fee When Taxpayer Redeems (GSC DN 18-5)
- (13) Method of Giving Notice to Judgment Debtor of Execution Sale (GSC DN 18-6)
- (14) Recordation of Bankruptcy Discharge

(GSC DN 18-7)

(15) Clarifying Bingo License Statute (GSC DN 18-8)

Please note that older dockets may be kept open if they present ongoing issues.

CONCLUSION

The General Statutes Commission is continuing its work as this report is prepared. Work not completed in time for submission to the 2019 General Assembly will be carried over into the next biennium.

In submitting this report, the Commission wishes to make grateful acknowledgment of the cooperation and support received from Mr. Paul Y. Coble, Legislative Services Officer of the North Carolina General Assembly, and Ms. Kory Goldsmith, Director of the Bill Drafting Division of the North Carolina General Assembly. The Commission is especially indebted to Mr. Floyd M. Lewis, Revisor of Statutes, Ms. P. Bly Hall, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, Mr. David C. Unwin, Staff Attorney with the Bill Drafting Division of the North Carolina General Assembly, and Ms. Veronica Scott, Legislative Secretary with the Bill Drafting Division of the North Carolina General Assembly, for their dedicated service during the biennium. In addition, the Commission wishes to express its appreciation for the valuable services rendered by Professor Judith Welch Wegner, Mr. Thomas O. Murry, Mr. Michael W. Mitchell, former Senator Tamara Barringer, Professor H. Beau Baez III, and Professor Robert O. Jenkins, who served as members of the Commission, and Professor Alfred L. Brophy, who served as a member of the Trusts Drafting Committee.

The Commission wishes to express its appreciation for the efforts of John L. Sarratt, Co-Chair of the Collaborative Law Committee of the Dispute Resolution Section of the North Carolina Bar Association, for his valuable assistance with the Commission's review of the Uniform Collaborative Law Act.

The Commission wishes to express its appreciation for the efforts of the following persons who provided valuable assistance with the Commission's review of the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act: Mr. Paul Pogge, Associate Athletic Director, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Mr. Rodney Maddox, Chief Deputy Secretary of State, Mr. Michael J. Arnold, Senior Advisor of Policy and Governmental Relations, North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State; and Ms. Whitney Frye, who was at the time General Counsel of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

The Commission also wishes to express its appreciation for the efforts of the following persons who provided valuable assistance with the Commission's work of updating this State's statutes with People First language that refers to a person with a disability as a person first and seeks to avoid equating a person with the person's disability and the use of derogatory language when describing a person's disability: Lisa Corbett, General Counsel, North Carolina Department

of Health and Human Services; Ted Hamby, Deputy Commissioner, North Carolina Department of Insurance; Joy Hicks, Government Affairs and Legislative Director, North Carolina Department of Transportation; Dr. Patricia Porter, Senior Policy Advisor to Representative Donny Lambeth; and Ms. Julia Adams-Scheurich, President, Oak City Government Relations.

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The Commission is most appreciative of the dedicated service of the members of the General Statutes Commission's Trusts Drafting Committee and Partition Task Force, as well as the assistance of the many groups that have cooperated with the Commission in its work, the members of the Bar, and others who have offered assistance and advice during the biennium.

This 1st day of March 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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